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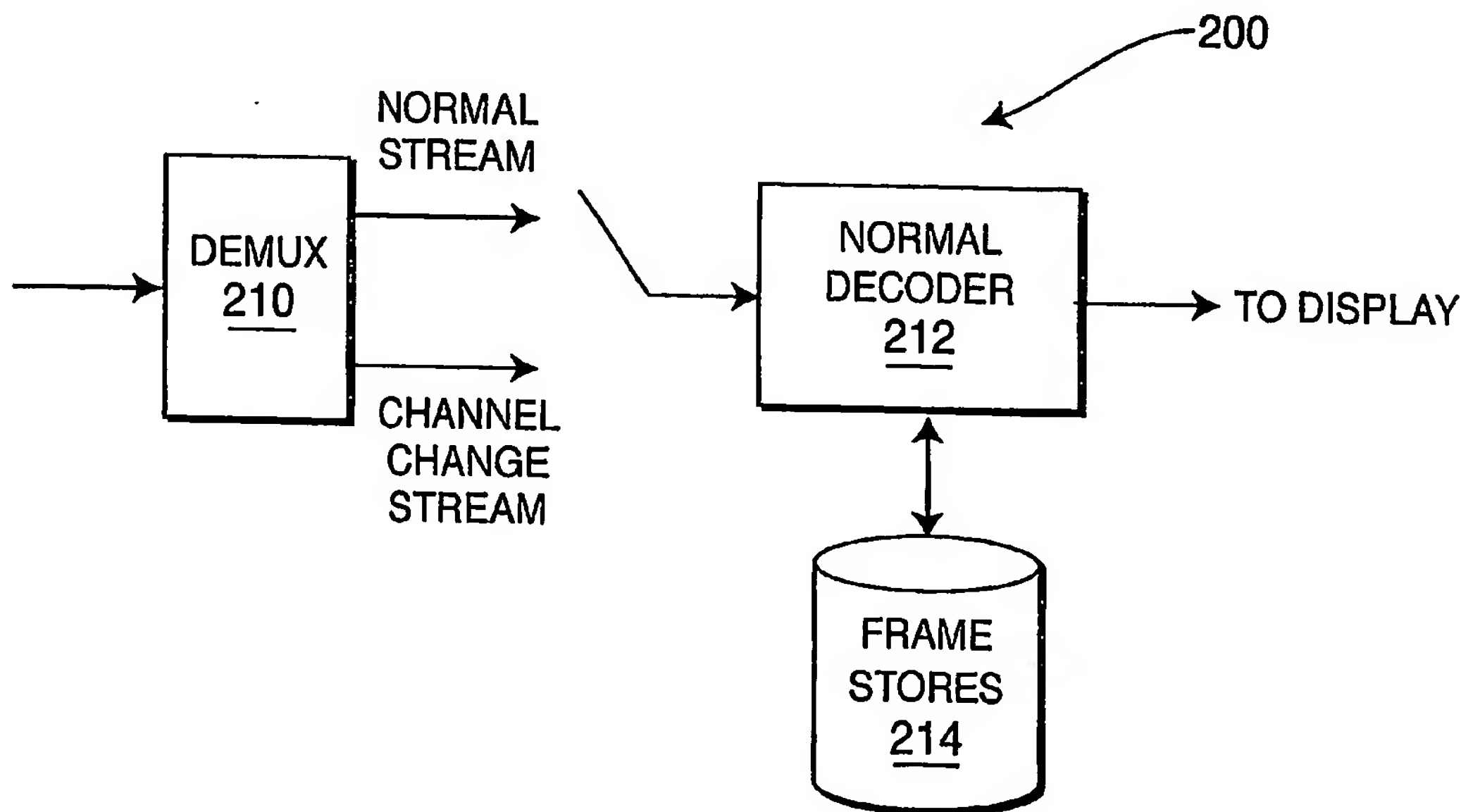
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(57) Abstract: A video decoder (200, 600, 700), and corresponding method (900) are described for enabling fast channel change of compressed video, where a video decoder (200, 600, 700) for receiving compressed stream data and providing decompressed video output includes a demultiplexor (210, 610, 710) for receiving the compressed stream data and separating the normal stream and the channel change stream, a normal decoding portion (212, 612, 712) in signal communication with the demultiplexor for selectably receiving the compressed normal and channel change streams, and providing decompressed video output, and a normal frame store in signal communication with the normal decoding portion for storing reference pictures.

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